Disbursement of salaries in the name of fictitious Employees

†2014. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI:
SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the news-item published in 'Rashtriya Sahara' dated 22nd June, 2001 regarding the disbursement of salary in the name of fictitious employees in 505 Army Base workshop in Delhi Cantt.;

(b) whether Government have conducted any inquiry into the matter;

(c) if so, the details of the findings alongwith the amount disbursed so far; and

(d) the deals of the action being taken against the guilty officials and to recover the amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAMRAJU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A Court of Inquiry has been ordered to inquire into the matter and to fix responsibility for the lapse committed. The inquiry is in progress.

Sale of Pilotless Target Aircraft Lakshya to Israel

2015. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from Israel to purchase Indian made Pilotless Target Aircraft (PTA) "Lakshya";

(b) if so, the details of the progress made in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken to increase production of PTA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAMRAJU): (a) Israeli Ministry of Defence has requested for technical details of Lakshya aerial targets.

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(b) These details have been provided. Israeli response is awaited.

(c) steps have been taken by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited to absorb Lakshya technology from Defence Research and Development Organisation and to earmark a dedicated production centre. These plans will be finalised after the bulk production orders for Indian Services become available.

Crash of MIG-23 near Jodhpur

2016. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any enquiry into the crash of MIG-23 aircraft near Jodhpur recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to procure AJTs in view of the frequent crashes of MIG trainers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAMRAJU): (a) and (b) A Court of Inquiry has been ordered and is in progress.

(c) Presently, the procurement process is at the Price Negotiations stage.

Firing in Kargil and Poonch Sector

†2017. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY:
SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistani soldiers had started firing in Kargil and Poonch sectors after few days of the conclusion of Agra Summit;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are going to review its security

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